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SUBJECT: QUITO MEETING: MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY KISSINGER

TO ARGENTINE FOREIGN MINISTER VIGNES

PLEASE DELIVER FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY KISSINGER
TO ARGENTINE FOREIGN MINISTER VIGNES THROUGH ARGENTINE
EMBASSY IN ROME:

1. QUOTE. DEAR MR. MINISTER: WHILE I UNDERSTAND THAT YOU,
TOO, WILL NOT BE ATTENDING THE FORTHCOMING OAS MEETING IN
QUITO, I ESPECIALLY WANTED YOU TO KNOW THE REASONS WHY I
WILL NOT BE PRESENT.

2. UNFORTUNATELY, THE MIDDLE EAST NEGOTIATIONS HAVE MADE
IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME TO ATTEND ON THE DATES ULTIMATELY
FIXED FOR THE SESSIONS IN ECUADOR. AT THE SAME TIME, IT
WAS NOT FEASIBLE UNTIL NOW TO MAKE KNOWN THAT I WOULD BE
TRAVELING IN THE MIDDLE EAST. YOU CAN READILY UNDERSTAND
HOW SENSITIVE THE TALKS ARE INVOLVING THE AREA, AND THE
IMPORTANCE OF THOSE TALKS TO WORLD PEACE.

3. BECAUSE OF THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, I HAVE ASKED MY DEPUTY
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AND CLOSE COLLEAGUE, BOB INGERSOLL, TO REPRESENT ME AT THE

QUITO MEETING, ALONG WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY WILLIAM ROGERS AND OAS AMBASSADOR BILL MAILLIARD. I HAVE THE FULLEST CONFIDENCE IN THEM. THEY WILL, OF COURSE, BE FULLY PREPARED TO PARTICIPATE IN ALL ASPECTS OF THE TALKS, AND I SHALL EXPECT FROM THEM A FULL REPORT OF THEIR DISCUSSIONS WHEN THEY RETURN.

4. I PERSONALLY WILL BE FOLLOWING THE DEVELOPMENTS AT THE QUITO MEETING CLOSELY. MY GOVERNMENT AND I ATTACH GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THE PROCEEDINGS AND TO THE FINAL RESULT.

5. I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU IN ROME NEXT WEEK.
WARMEST REGARDS, HENRY KISSINGER. UNQUOTE. INGERSOLL

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